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FROM CHAIRMAN OPEN FORUM

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT:OPEN FORUM ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE WASHINGTON
NATO SUMMIT

1. THE SECRETARY'S OPEN FORUM WOULD LIKE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE PRESENCE IN WASHINGTON OF ALLIED AND NATO/IS POLICY-LEVEL OFFICIALS IN CONNECTION WITH THE SUMMIT. WE WOULD APPRECIATE MISSION'S IDEAS ON ARRANGING DIRECT CONTACT BETWEEN OFFICIALS OF THE ALLIANCE AND THE WORKING-LEVEL PERSONNEL OF STATE, AID, ACDA, AND USIA. OUR THOUGHT WOULD BE TO ARRANGE SUCH OPEN FORUM ACTIVITIES FOLLOWING CONCLUSION OF SUMMIT PROCEEDINGS.

2. WE ENVISION ONE OR SEVERAL MEETINGS AT WHICH FOREIGN OFFICIALS WOULD SPEAK TO USG EMPLOYEE-ONLY AUDIENCES ON AN OFF-THE-RECORD BASIS WITH FRANK QUESTION-AND-ANSWER

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PERIODS TO FOLLOW. WE CAN ASSURE THE EXCLUSION OF OUTSIDERS AND DISCUSSIONS CAN BE CLASSIFIED IF NECESSARY.

3. BACKGROUND ON THE OPEN FORUM IS AVAILABLE IN THE DEPARTMENT'S A-309 OF 21 JANUARY 1977. FYI: THE OPEN FORUM'S RECORD ON NO "LEAKS" FROM MEETINGS IS PERFECT TO DATE.

4. SECRETARY GENERAL LUNS HAS, AS MISSION IS AWARE, ALREADY SPOKEN AT A MEETING OF THE OPEN FORUM WITH, WE BELIEVE, GOOD RESULTS BY ALL STANDARDS. IF HE IS AVAILABLE AND IS WILLING TO MEET AGAIN WITH THE GROUP, WE WOULD OF COURSE BE DELIGHTED TO SCHEDULE A FURTHER APPEARANCE. WE WOULD, HOWEVER, ALSO BE INTERESTED IN APPEARANCES BY OTHER OFFICIALS EITHER FROM NATIONAL DELEGATIONS OR FROM THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF. UNLESS THERE ARE OBJECTIONS, WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR RAISING THE PROSPECT OF SUCH SESSIONS WITH JOHN KING OF THE SYG'S PRIVATE OFFICE.

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